

Welcome to Hanover Historic Areas and Open Space

This map follows the recommendations of the Hanover Historical Preservation Plan (2007) to create a trail map incorporating "historical buildings and landmarks, open space, and scenic roads" with a goal of encouraging the public to use and enjoy Town resources and help to preserve them for the future.

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Hanover Center

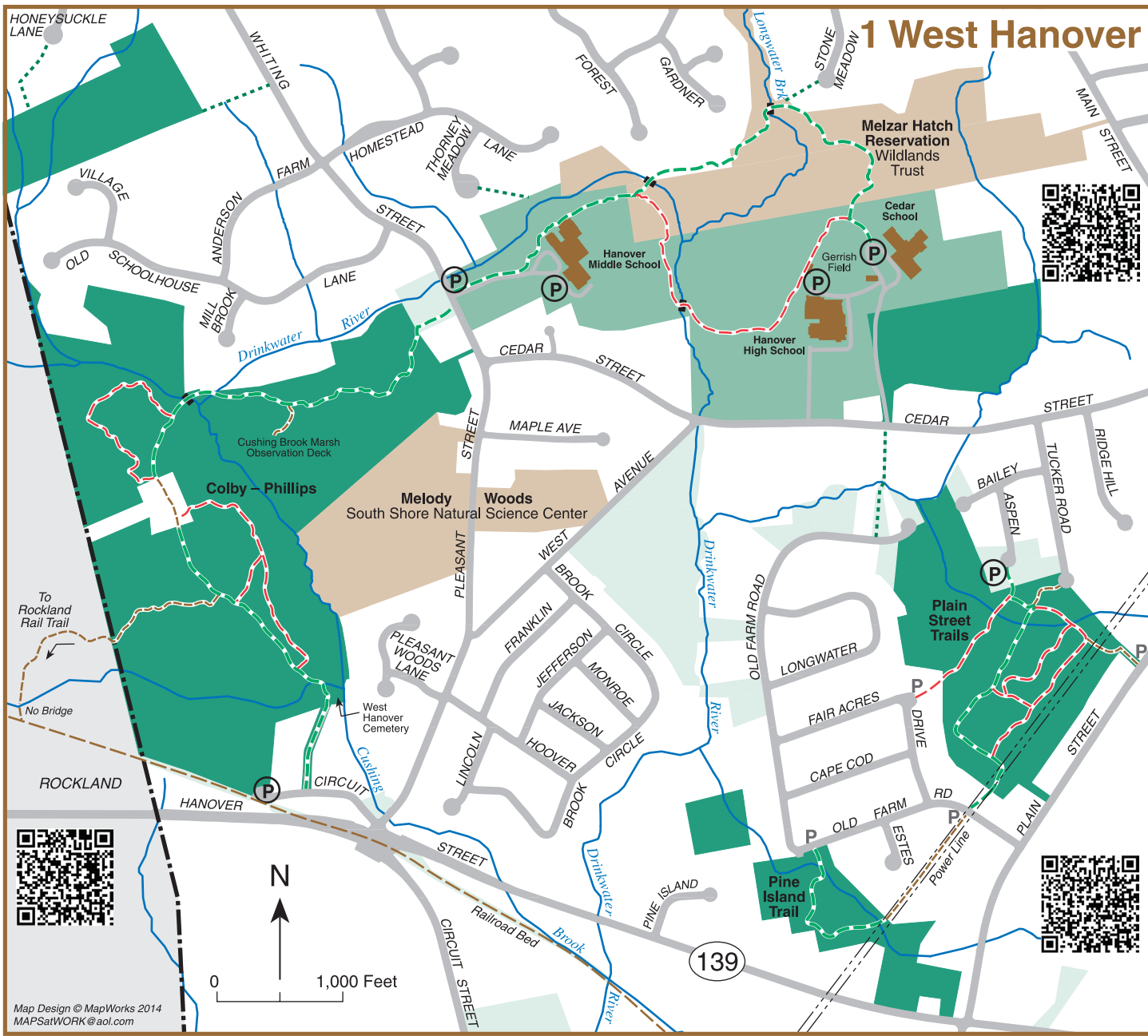
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Colby-Phillips Trails
This 135-acre parcel contains 3.1 miles of walking trails, which can be accessed across from the Middle School on Whiting Street or between 959 and 969 Circuit Street. The Whiting Street entrance crosses a marsh via a 300' boardwalk. Walkers are cautioned not to touch the poison-sumac trees growing along the boardwalk. There is an observation deck at Cushing Brook Marsh. The trail winds through woodlands, crossing a bridge over Cushing Brook and passing by the historic West Hanover Cemetery, before ending at Circuit Street.
Parking is available at the Middle School or on the cul-de-sac at the end of Circuit Street.

Plain Street and Pine Island Trails
These two parcels contain a combined 80.5 acres of deciduous woodlands. While there are several access points to the properties from Old Farm Road, Plain Street and Tucker Road, it is best accessed from the cul-de-sac on Aspen Drive. The 2.4 miles of trails at times follow old roads from the former Fireworks property. During World War II, this area was fenced off and used by National Fireworks, Inc. as part of their munitions manufacturing work. Prisoners of War were transported in to do site maintenance work.
Parking is available on the cul-de-sac on Aspen Drive.

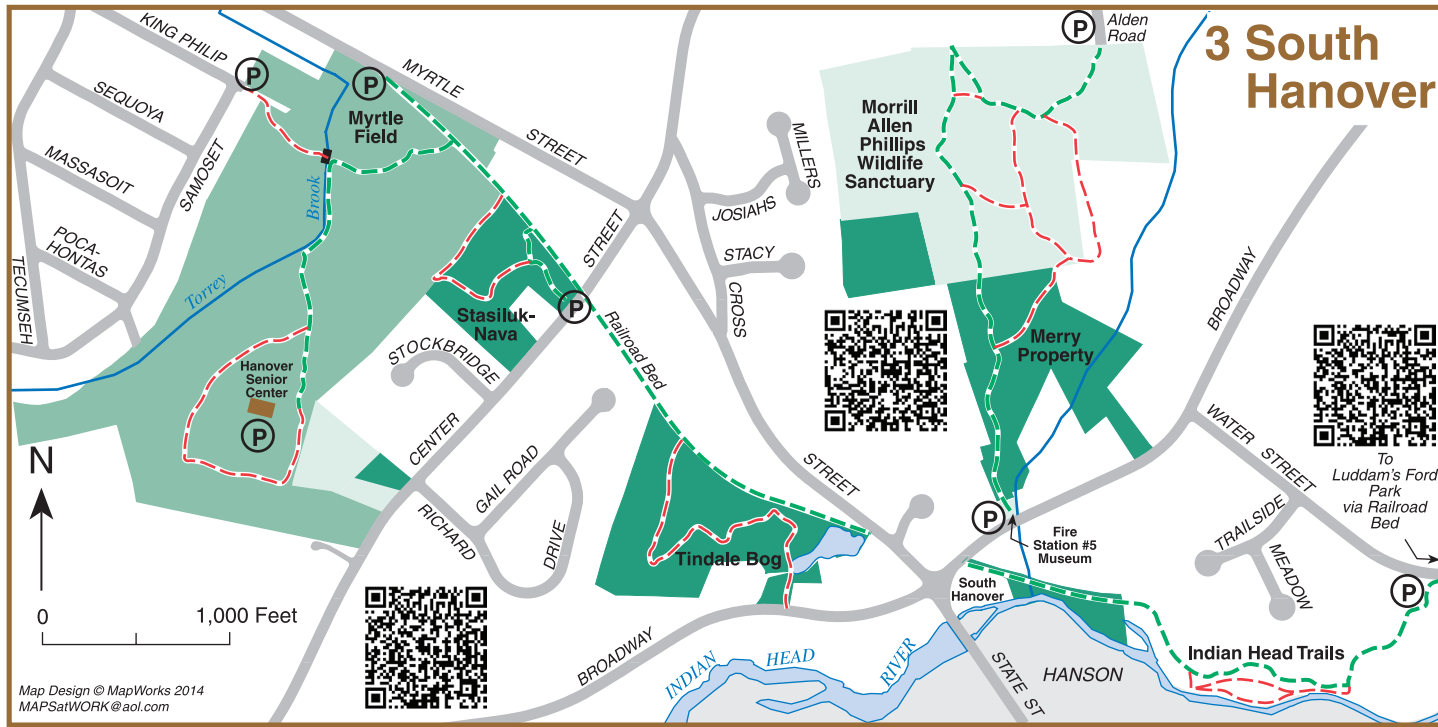
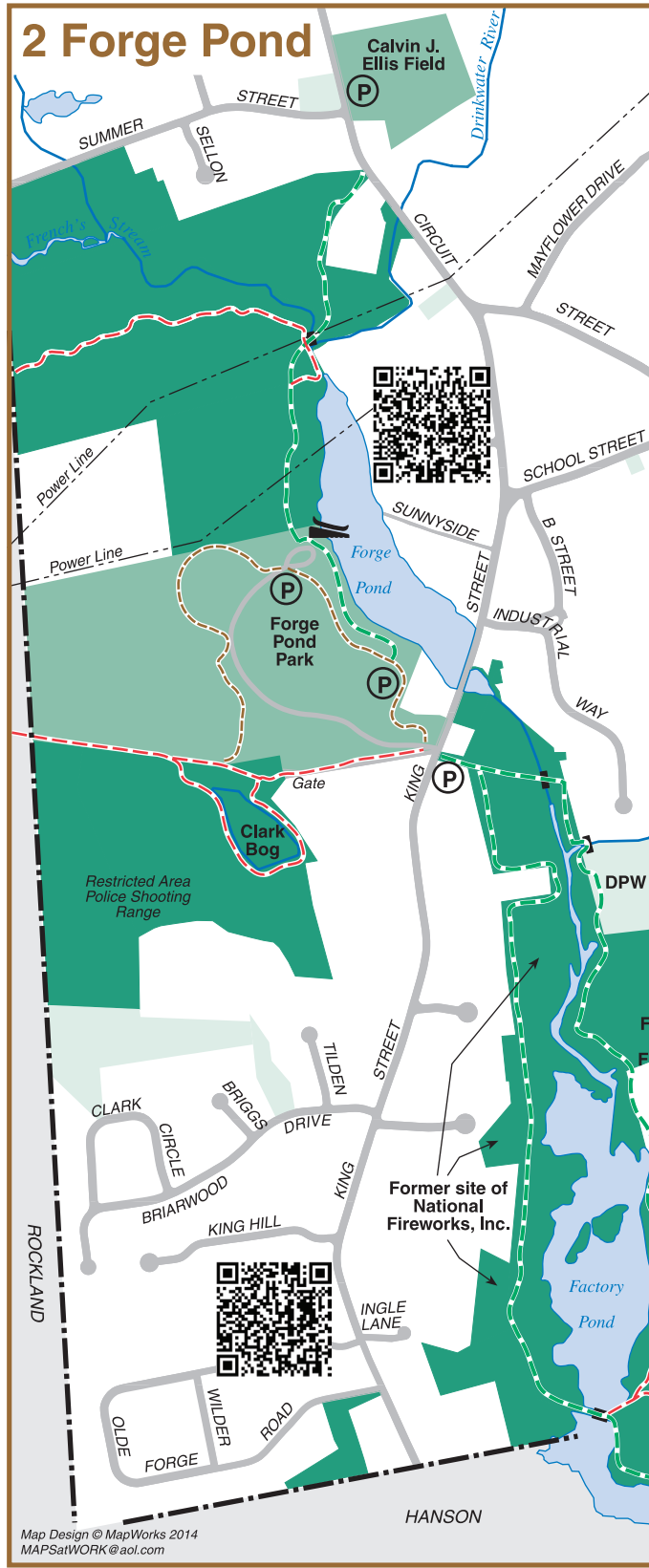
Melzar Hatch Wildlands Trust (Cross Country) Trails
This nominal 30 acres gifted to Plymouth County Wildlands Trust has been added to by developers abutting Longwater Brook. The trail, accessed by the Cedar School playground, follows old logging roads, interrupted by a housing development. The contiguous high school cross country trail crosses Longwater Brook on an old log bridge. After a steep rise to the Middle School grounds, hikers may pass to the north of the school to the Colby Phillips trail across Whiting Street or proceed south across the playing fields to a dirt road to the High School and back to the Cedar School.
Parking is available at the Cedar School, Middle School or the High School.



Trail in winter

Forge Pond Park and French's Stream Trails
This 247-acre parcel provides ample opportunity for passive and active recreation with 6.2 miles of trails, several ball fields and multiuse fields. The trail can be accessed at 676 Circuit Street or at Parking Lot A at Forge Pond Park on King Street, where the trail follows along Forge Pond to the canoe launch. From here it follows an old cart path to the confluence of French's Stream & the Drinkwater River. After crossing the foot bridge over French's Stream the path leads back to the Circuit Street Trailhead. An alternate route is to follow the cart path to the power lines, crossing under the same and picking up an old trail that leads through a remote woodlands. Following this trail you again cross under the power lines and pick up an old road that leads back to Forge Field. Be sure to check out Clark Bog, just south of the park, which is home to numerous species of birds and uncommon dragon flies.
Parking is available at Forge Pond Park and Ellis Field.

Fireworks Trails
This 130-acre parcel with 4.1 miles of trails was once home to the National Fireworks Company, a large munitions and fireworks factory. The trailhead is opposite the entrance to Forge Pond Park on King Street and the trails follow World War II era wooded roads around Factory Pond. Walkers will notice the remains of some of the buildings and bunkers that once stored munitions. A foot bridge crosses Factory Pond at its narrowest point and provides an opportunity to see many types of water fowl. The trail continues along the east side of the pond and passes behind the DPW site on Ames Way, before crossing the Drinkwater River by a wooden footbridge. Once over the bridge the trail continues along the river and becomes a knife edge trail before crossing the river again on an old cement bridge and returning to King Street.
Parking is available at the trailhead and Forge Pond Park.



Senior Center, Stasiluk-Nava and Tindale Bog Trails
These three parcels contain 101 acres with 3.1 miles of trails. The Myrtle Field Trail can be accessed at the Senior Center where a loop trail leads around the center or follow the woodland path to the back of Myrtle Field, where the path on the old rail bed leads to the Stasiluk-Nava property, purchased with CPA funds in 2008. A loop trail leads to a scenic meadow and then back to the rail bed. Follow the old rail bed to the southeast and you come to Tindale Bog, a popular spot in the winter for ice skating.
Parking is available at the Senior Center, 665 Center Street, Stasiluk-Nava, 539 Center Street and Myrtle Field.

- Green Trail Markers (primary trails)
- Red Trail Markers (cross trails)
- Other Connecting Trails
- Walking Easement
- Building
- Bridge
- Parking
- Curbside Parking
- Canoe Launch
- Power Line

Phillips Sanctuary and Firefighting Museum Trails (Morrill-Allen Phillips Sanctuary & Merry Property)
This 72-acre parcel is accessed behind the Firefighting Museum on Broadway, which leads to 1.6 miles of wooded trails. Shortly after entering, walkers cross a boardwalk that overlooks a vernal pool. The Green Trail leads to Alden Road, while Red Loop Trails offer additional routes. Beautiful old stonewalls are clearly visible along the way. Look for deer footprints in the snow or mud. At distance marker 8, when passing through the stone wall opening, look for the old granite post with ancient hinges. Alternate entry is off Alden Road via the Morrill Allen Phillips Trail, clearly identified by a large sign and engraved rock.
Parking is available at the Firefighting Museum, 1095 Broadway.

Indian Head Trails
This scenic trail begins on Broadway near the intersection of Cross Street and follows a portion of the old rail bed along the Indian Head River. The trail is diverted for a short distance onto Water Street in two locations to go around a private residence and the historic R.C. Waterman Tack Factory. This area was known as Project Dale and once contained a pond created by an old dam in the river. The 1.4 mile trail brings you to Luddam's Ford Park.
Parking is available at the Fire Museum on Broadway, on Water Street opposite Saltwind Drive and Graham Hill Drive or at Luddam's Ford Park.

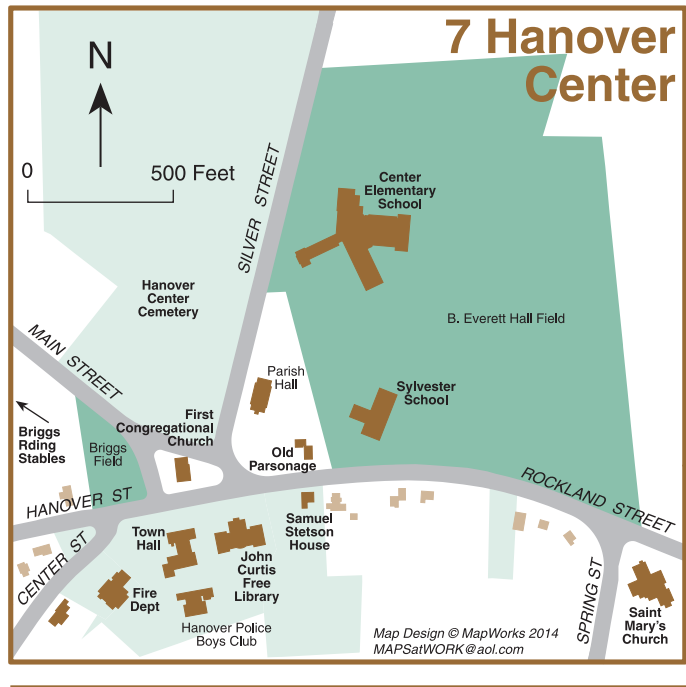
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HISTORIC VILLAGES

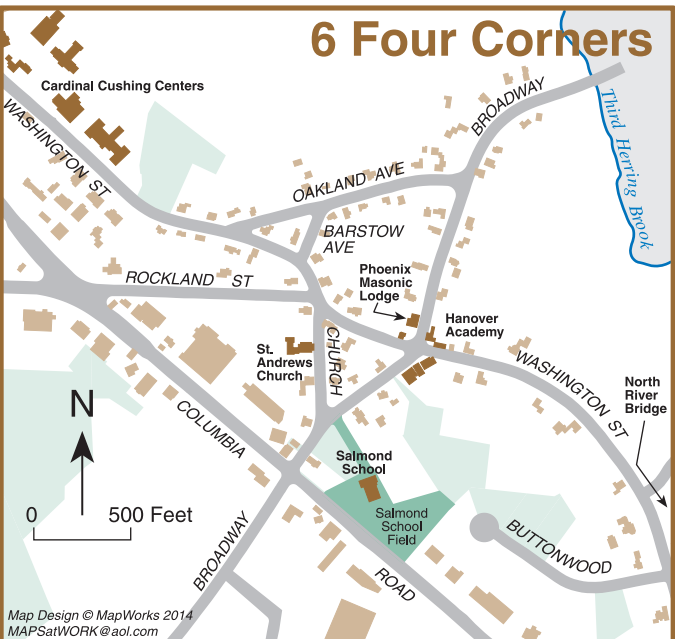
Hanover Center
Hanover Center, which remains little changed in the last 100 years, is recognized as a **National Historic District**. The **Samuel Stetson House** (c. 1694), the oldest structure and currently the home of the Hanover Historical Society, served as a tavern, home, and site of early services before the First **Congregational Church** was built in 1728. The church has been rebuilt four times since. **Center Cemetery**, behind the Church, holds Hanover's earliest gravestones, excellent examples of early gravestone art (see website). To the west, descendants of Stanley Briggs continue operating the stables that he began in 1908. The adjacent T-ball field occupies the site of the first Town Pond. Across the street, the **Town Hall**, built in 1863, houses town government offices. The high school was also housed in this building until **Sylvester School** was built just down the street in 1927. The **John Curtis Free Library**, created by the generosity of the Curtis Family of North Hanover in the late 19th century, is east of Town Hall. Across the street is the **Old Parsonage** that has housed Hanover's Congregational ministers for over 150 years. Down the street is **St. Mary's Catholic Church** erected in 1953.

The **Hanover Historical Society Museum & Archives** at the Stetson House are open the first three Saturdays of every month from 2-4pm. 514 Hanover Street Hanover, MA 02339 Phone 781-826-9575. The Society maintained **Station #5 Fire House Museum** at 1095 Broadway is open the last Saturday of every month 2-4pm. Phone 781-829-4851.

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Wales Tavern and Old Hanover Academy, Hanover Four Corners



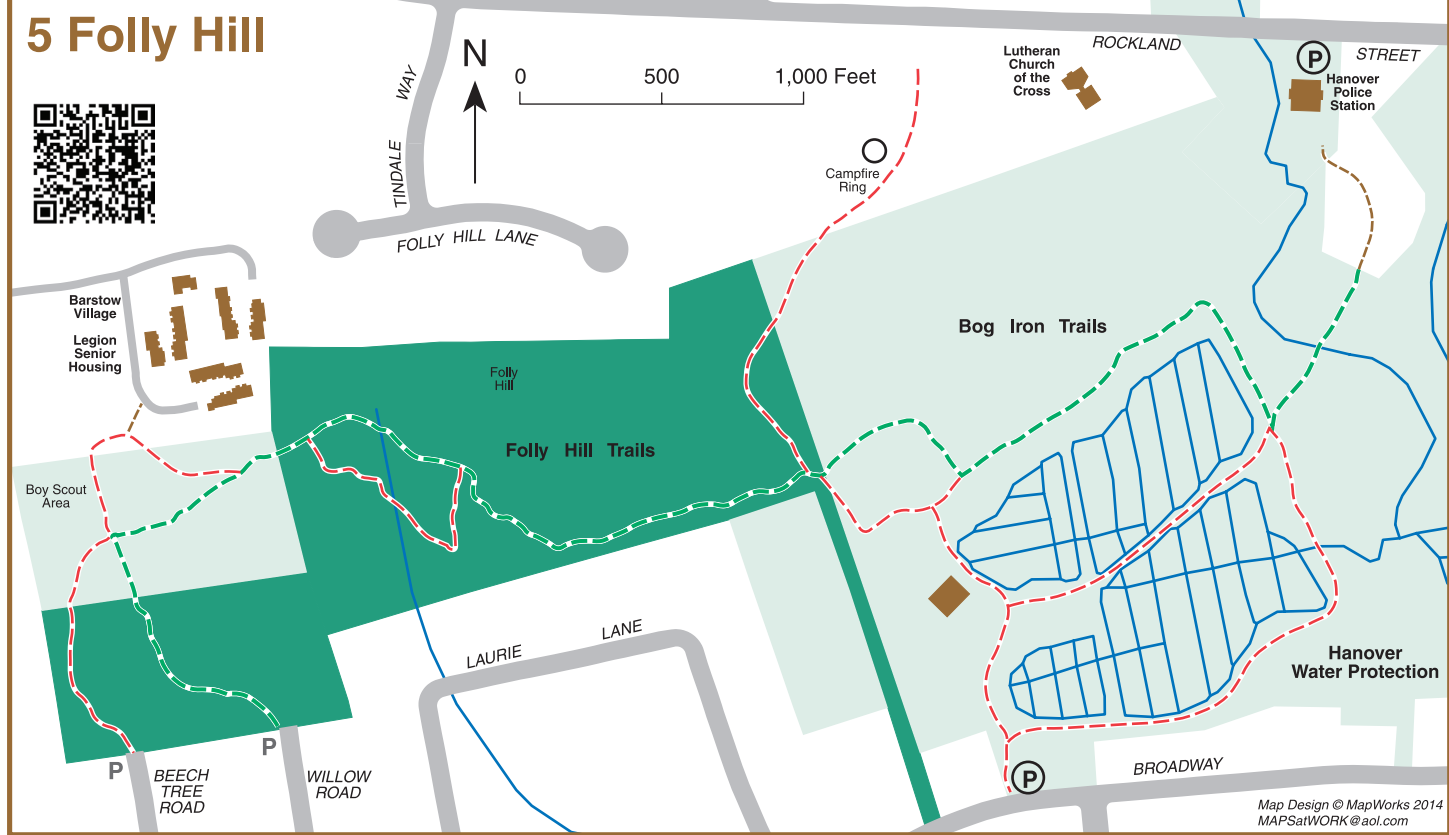
Four Corners
The Four Corners was the site of Hanover's European settlement. In 1649, **William Barstow** settled off of present day Oakland Avenue with his young family. Eight years later, Barstow built the North River Bridge in 1657. Shipbuilding yards formed on the North River and quickly became one of the staples of Hanover's early economy. The industry lasted until the mid 19th century when the natural resources became depleted and the narrow winding river prevented construction of larger ships. However, The Four Corners continued to prosper as blacksmiths, grocery stores, and hotels dotted this bustling area. The Four Corners became a hub of activity with the arrival of the **Hanover Branch Railroad** in 1864, transporting goods and passengers to and from Boston until 1938. This historic village has retained many of the older homes, **St. Andrews Episcopal Church**, and **Phoenix Masonic Lodge**. The old **Hanover Academy** building currently houses one of several local antiques shops.

Assinippi
Assinippi is a Native American word for Rocky Water. Prior to European settlement of the area Assinippi had a small population of **Wampanoag Native Americans**. The village was located on the **King's Highway** at a point where an **old Indian Trail** from the coast crossed to the west. This early group had a burial ground behind the Union Cemetery on Webster Street. **Jacob's Mill** was established on **Jacobs Pond** in 1730 by two brothers Joshua and Dr. Joseph Jacobs. Their family continued to operate the mill until it burned in 1920. This village was quite rural in the beginning and Rocky Swamp (*present day site of the Hanover Mall*) was just down the road. During the 1950's the area was zoned for commercial purposes and many buildings changed to accommodate businesses. The **Universalist Church, Union Cemetery**, and the **Line House**, which straddles the Hanover/Norwell Town Line, remain from Assinippi's rural days.

North Hanover
North Hanover was an agricultural village that centered on farming. Many examples of early New England cape and farmhouse architecture can be seen along Main, Webster and Whiting Streets. In pre-refrigeration days, ice was harvested on **Hacketts Pond** and stored until summer in an ice house on the shore. The former **Brooks General Store**, on Main Street, serves as a private residence today. The **First Baptist Church** first began here in 1812, and now occupies a newer building on Webster Street.

West Hanover
West Hanover and Drinkwater Villages began as farming communities like many other Hanover villages. On King Street, the **Drinkwater Iron Works** is said to have produced cannons for the Revolutionary War using water flowing from Forge Pond. The site was later occupied by **National Fireworks Inc.**, which manufactured fireworks for more than 50 years, and was converted to a munitions factory during WWI and WWII. **Clark Airport** on Winter Street operated from 1928 to 1958. West Hanover Square was the site of **Lot Phillips Box Factory** from 1872-1969, as well as home to a general store, blacksmith, library, and greenhouse. The Box Factory has been renovated and is occupied by several local businesses.

South Hanover
The development of South Hanover benefited from the ample water power of the Indian Head River. The **Bardin Iron Works**, site of current day Luddam's Ford Recreation Area, began operation in 1704. Along the river to the west, a fulling mill was created by James Torrey on Water Street. This mill was later a corn mill and tack factory, and currently houses a business. **Teague's Bridge** on the Hanover/Hanson line was once home to an anchor forge which may have made the anchor for the USS Constitution. Later the site was the **Phillips & Son Tack Factory**. On Broadway, **Fire Station Number Five** now houses a Firefighting Museum. The general store, with its Post Office, at Cross Street and Broadway, was the center of South Hanover Village. The route of the **Hanover Branch Railroad** through South Hanover now provides walking paths along the river. Many older homes still exist in this village on Broadway, Water, Elm, and Cross Streets.



RECREATION AREAS and FACILITIES

Briggs Field is a 1.17-acre site within the Historic District near town center, located directly across the street from Town Hall. The Selectmen and Parks & Recreation currently own the site. It contains the beloved one hundred year old ball field mainly used today for T-ball.

B. Everett Hall Field is the Town's premier recreational facility, located adjacent to the Town Center Historic District. The approximately 20.33-acre site is owned by the Selectmen and Parks & Recreation. B. Everett Hall is the focal point of parks and recreation in the Town. Referred to as "Sylvester" it is a classic concept of a center-of-town multi-purpose facility used for many different events and activities. It is adjacent to Sylvester School to the west and Center School to the northwest. The school and park fields mesh together appearing as one facility.

Calvin J. Ellis Field is the Town's premier site of HYAA baseball. With approximately 12.5 acres on Circuit Street, the facility is owned by Parks & Recreation. Primarily used for Little League Baseball with an occasional youth soccer practice or game in the outfields.

Ceurvels Field is the Town's largest park facility, with 75 acres located on the south side of Myrtle Street and the west side of Center Street. It is used primarily for soccer, lacrosse and spring baseball games. The heavily wooded area around the fields, has trails.

Amos Gallant Field is a 2.74-acre property located on Main Street. It is the site of the former Curtis School, with a parking lot and Little League field.

Forge Pond Park has 34.38 acres under the jurisdiction of the Open Space Committee and 40.17 acres under the jurisdiction of the Hanover Parks and Recreation Committee. This is the Town's first tournament based facility with three baseball fields, three softball fields, three multiuse fields, a pavilion with concessions and a picnic area. Paved trails surround the park and continue through the woods. The site contains attractive natural features with woodlands, wetlands and wildlife. Forge Pond abuts the property to the east and a cranberry bog is located nearby to the northwest. This park is open daily from 7am-7pm.

Folly Hill and Bog Iron Trails
This 130-acre parcel includes Folly Hill Trails, Bog Iron Trails and the Water Protection area. The 3.6 miles of trails vary from flat wide open trails to narrow winding terrain, to hilly paths and lowland canals. The trail passes over several small creeks and can be muddy in the wet season. Once known for its abundant blueberry bushes, the trek leads past the Broadway well system. In the summer watch for the wild blueberries of the trails. From the Broadway entrance, the trail passes through the water system grid. The grid to the right has a number of parallel trails that lead to the Hanover Police Station. Straying straight on the Red blaze trail, will begin a slight uphill trek to the Lutheran Church. Look for the camp fire ring on the left. Backtracking from the Lutheran Church, take a right onto the Green blaze trail to enter the Folly Hill Trails. Stay on the Green blaze trail to reach the Willow Rd. entrance. A number of secondary trails provide alternative walking routes.
Curbside parking is available at Beech Tree and Willow Rd. or at the entrance to the Water Treatment Plant on Broadway.

Luddam's Ford Park Trails
This beautiful 19.5-acre park is located on Elm Street at the Pembroke border, where the Indian Head River widens into a pond. This historic site was once the location of an 18th century forge and later the Clapp Rubber Co. Picnicking is possible in the open field and the pond and river provide popular fishing spots and canoeing. Woodland trails follow the Indian Head River and old rail bed to Broadway with two short diversions onto Water Street.
Ample parking is available at the park.

